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In re PCT International Application of: )  
MOUREAUX, Patrick, et al. )  
Int. Appl No.: PCT/EP2003/050966 )  
Int. Filing Date: 9 December 2003 )  
PROCESS TO PREPARE A BASE OIL HAVING )  
A VISCOSITY INDEX OF BETWEEN 80 AND 140)

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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows: